

SWELL

Elevating LGBT Literature

May 15, 2008

FICTION CONTEST NOW OPEN!

SWELL, a quarterly online journal of original writing focusing on LGBT themes, is pleased to sponsor a fiction contest. The electronic publishing arm of NewTown Writers, a Chicago-based writers salon, SWELL (www.swellzine.com) aims to reach beyond the traditional boundaries of the printed word, exploring the limits of form, structure, and content, while giving a voice to emerging writers.

Prizes Awarded:
First Prize: \$250
Second Prize: \$100
Third Prize: \$50

Submission Guidelines:

- The contest is open to LGBT writers and their allies.
- Submit only unpublished, well-crafted stories that relate to SWELL's mission of fostering the evolution of LGBT literature.
- In addition to first through third prizes, three finalists will also be named. Winners and Finalists will be published in SWELL.
- All pieces entered will also be considered for SWELL's sister print publication, OFF THE ROCKS.
- Entries will be accepted electronically between May 15, 2008 and September 30, 2008. Submissions will only be accepted via email.
- Winners will be announced in January 2009.
- An \$8 reading fee is charged for each submission. Fees are payable through PayPal. See the entry page for more information.
- Members of NewTown Writers are not eligible to win.
- The contest will be judged by SWELL's editors.

Formatting Guidelines:

- Only Microsoft Word documents will be accepted
- Entries must not exceed 5,000 words
- Entries must be typed in a standard 12-point font
- Side margins must be one inch
- Paragraphs must be double-spaced
- All pages must be numbered
- Include author contact information on a cover page—name, address, telephone number and email address

Please Note: Submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be read

To Enter:

- Visit <http://www.newtownwriters.org/Fiction.html> (click for link)
- Multiple submissions are welcome, however, each entry must be submitted separately.
- Simultaneous submissions are accepted, however, if your piece is accepted for publication elsewhere, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing newtownwriters@yahoo.com.

Questions? Contact newtownwriters@yahoo.com.

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